

# Minutes of... Children's Network Policy Council

## Details

Date: October 28, 2009

Time: noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino.

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## Attendees

- Greg Conkin, Children and Family Services
  - Karen Bell, District Attorney – Juvenile
  - Jennifer Cannady, Public Defender
  - Susan Starbuck, Public Defender
  - Dr. Richard Chinnock, Loma Linda University Dept. of Peds.
  - Mary Lynn Clark, Inland Regional Center
  - Regina Coleman, County Counsel
  - Amy Cousineau, Children's Network
  - Chris Gardner, Public Defender
  - Ron Griffin, Preschool Services Department
  - Linda Haugan, Human Services Administration
  - Margaret Hill, SB County Superintendent of Schools
  - Michael Markel, County Counsel
  - Mike Schertell, Department of Behavioral Health
  - Karen Scott, First 5 San Bernardino
  - Michelle Scray, Probation Department
  - Robin Sherman-Young, Family Courts
  - Honorable Marsha Slough, Juvenile Presiding Judge
  - Nancy Swanson, TAD Administration
  - Sue Taylor, Children's Network
  - Kathy Turnbull, Children's Network
  - Greg Zerovnik, SB County Library Administration
  - Brandy Nelson, Children's Network
  - Wayne Thies, CAO's Office
  - Kara Hunter, C.A.S.A.
  - Claudia Haro, Rebecca Stafford's Mentee
  - Tammy Williams, Children's Network
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## Welcome and Introductions

Judge Slough welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Nancy Swanson asked that one correction be made on page 4 – request of Karen Bell to have a staff person come and give an in-service at the Ontario TAD Department on C.A.S.E. (Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation). **A motion was made to approve the agenda by Linda Haugan and seconded by Jennifer Cannady. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by Greg Zerovnik and seconded by Karen Bell.**

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**Revised Powers and Duties**

- Amy mentioned that it has been eleven years since the Powers and Duties of the Policy Council have been revised.
  - **A motion was made by Greg Zerovnik and seconded by Karen Bell to accept the Revised Powers and Duties as was submitted.**
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**Children's Network report**

- Amy was happy to see many Policy Council members at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Children's Network Conference on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 550+ attendees both days.
  - Amy introduced Brandy Nelson who has the new position in Children's Network, Mentoring Resource Coordinator. Brandy is creating a countywide Mentoring Task Force and data base. The Mentoring Resource Task Force meets once a month.
  - Judge Slough mentioned that the Inland Empire Lawyers Association is starting to mentor kids. She suggested it would be good for this group to contact Brandy Nelson.
  - Mike said the Innovations committee asked for \$825,000 and he believes it will be approved by the state, and will know for sure in January. The money could be used to hire a CASE Coordinator position, and some case managers who would provide direct service.
  - Sue Taylor will be retiring in December after a little over 10 years. She started working for Children's Fund and transferred to Children's Network. She will be coming to her last Policy Council meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy asked those present whom would be interested in participating in a very short-term committee that will be choosing the Lifetime Advocate for the Children's Network Annual Breakfast on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers were Karen Bell, Mike Schertell, Chris Gardner, and Margaret Hill.  
**Amy will be contacting the volunteers to set-up two meetings.**
  - Mary Lynn Clark mentioned at their new location they have a wonderful conference room that will seat approximately 600 participants and Policy Council members are welcomed to use the facility.
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**Children's  
Fund report**

Amy Cousineau reported on behalf of Rebecca Stafford of Children's Fund.

- Children's Fund Christmas kickoff will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Rotunda, San Bernardino at 8:30 a.m. – everyone is invited.
  - Contact Tammy Williams or Amy Cousineau at (909) 383-9657 or at [tttwilliams@hss.sbcounty.gov](mailto:tttwilliams@hss.sbcounty.gov) if you are interested in making a donation to Children's Fund, so some needy children will get Christmas gifts.
  - Another event being sponsored on behalf of Children's Fund is the Bonnes Meres Auxiliary on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the National Orange Show Events Center, 689 South "E" Street, San Bernardino, CA.
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**CFS/First 5 San  
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Network & 2-1-  
1 Project**

Amy Cousineau gave the following update on this project:

- Through a combined effort with First 5 San Bernardino, CFS (Children and Family Services), United Way 2-1-1-, and Children's Network a Child Abuse Reporting campaign is going out in November.
  - There will be billboards around the county giving the 2-1-1 number to report child abuse. The public can still call the direct hotline number of 1-800-827-8724.
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**Other  
Announcement**

- Karen Scott announced First 5 San Bernardino has a new and improved website <http://www.first5sanbernardino.org/>. They are in the final stages of the RFP (Request for Proposal) that will cover 2010 to 2013.
  - Greg Zerovnik announced on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon, Supervisor Biane is hosting a gourmet breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon, at the new Crestline library that overlooks Lake Gregory.
  - Kara stated they are looking for guest speakers to speak to the C.A.S.A. volunteers on psychotropic medications and compliance. Kara was given a resource at DBH (Department of Behavioral Health) (909) 881-**6760**.
  - Ron Griffin mentioned that his department Preschool Services was just allocated 2.5 million dollars, so they will be able to serve 290 more children. If they receive 4 million dollars it will help with the NFP program and will be able to serve additional 300 children.
  - Kathy Turnbull mentioned that the SART (Screening Assessment Referral Treatment) program, staff is working on setting up a training in February, 2010 by Dr. Harvey Karp on work about toddlers and babies. The conference will be geared towards anyone that works with toddlers and infants. More details to follow.
  - Judge Slough thanked all the departments that come to the table, as next year proves to be more of a financial challenge.
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**Public  
Comment**

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None

**Next Meeting**

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No meeting in November, 2009. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be: December 9<sup>th</sup> at noon**, at the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino.